



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEDAL  
FOR THE  
**DEFENSE OF FREEDOM**  
**NICOLE A. SUVEGES**

**In honor of her heroism and selfless service beyond the call of duty**

*The medal symbolizes the principles of freedom on which our country is founded. The ribbon's four red stripes commemorate valor and sacrifice and represent the four terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The blue stripe represents strength and the strike against the Pentagon. The white stripes represent liberty as depicted in our national flag.*

ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION

**JUL 11 2008**

DATE

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

By order of Secretary of Defense of the United States, the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom is awarded to

To

Nicole Suveges

For exceptional service in the defense of freedom and the promotion of peace during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM while serving as the Social Science Advisor for the Human Terrain Team, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Prosperity, Iraq from 4 April 2008 to 24 June 2008. Her superb academic knowledge, matchless analytical abilities and selfless dedication to the US Army's Human Terrain Team's mission contributed to a measurable reduction in the need for combat operations and a significant promotion of peace and stability in the brigade's area of responsibility. Ms. Suveges' keen insight into the history and culture of people of Iraq enabled the soldiers of Task Force 3-4 to develop effective courses of action that were focused on conflict resolution, created measurable positive effects upon the local population, and significantly reduced civilian and soldier casualties. Participating in operations with Soldiers in the conduct of their daily missions, Ms. Suveges' advice, mentoring and guidance enabled Commanders and Soldiers to successfully engage key leaders, open meaningful communication between warring factions and set the conditions for enduring peace and the establishment of stable governance. Because of Nicole Suveges' superb contributions to her team's mission, significant numbers of American Soldiers and Iraqi civilians, who would have otherwise been casualties or war, are alive and together with their families today. Nicole Suveges' heroism, her selfless dedication to conflict resolution and peace, her daily demonstration of courage, and ultimate sacrifice reflect the greatest credit upon herself, the Department of Defense and the United States of America.



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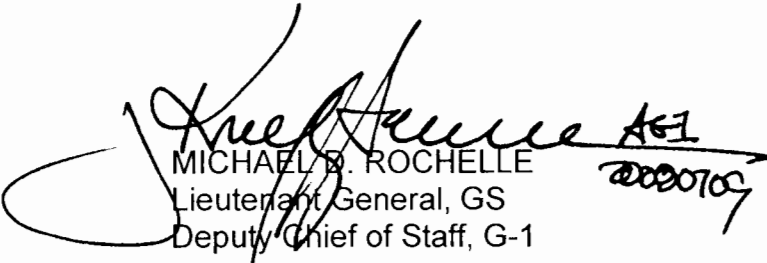
~~Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)~~  
~~Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army~~

FOR Secretary of the Army

SUBJECT: Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom and the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism (Posthumous)

1. The Secretary of Defense has approved the Department of the Army's request to grant this award to Nicole A. Suveges an Army contractor personnel who was killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. I request that you sign the certificate for one Army contractor personnel.
2. The Secretary of Defense has the authority to approve this medal for non-defense personnel based on their involvement in Department of Defense activities. The medal was established to acknowledge defense and non-defense personnel killed or wounded in the line of duty.
3. Enclosed are Secretary of Defense approval and Department of the Army's request for approval (Tab B), Secretary of Defense approval authority and award criteria (Tab C), and certificate (Tab D) for signature.
4. For additional information, please contact Diane C. Willis, (703) 325-8333 or Joann Holmes, (703) 325-4354, or send us an E-mail at: AG1CPAIABSecretary@conus.army.mil.

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